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ENHANCED METRIC FOR BIT DETECTION ON

FADING CHANNELS WITH UNKNOWN STATISTICS

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

## **Box AF**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 23, 2004

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Final Office Action dated January 23, 2004 ("Office Action"), the due date having been extended two (2) months to June 23, 2004, and respond as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.